

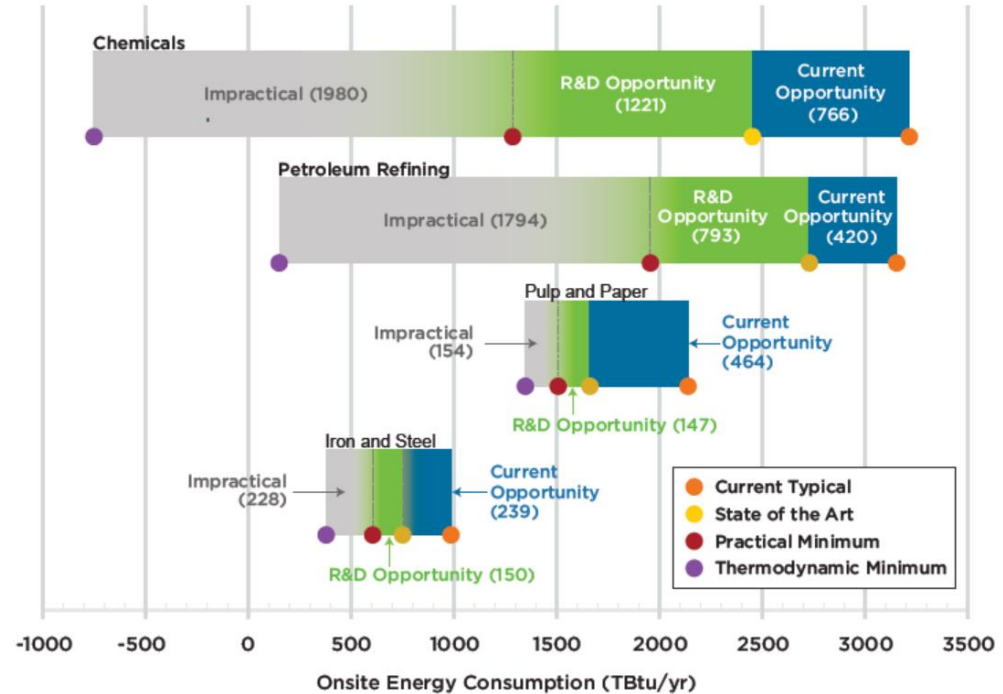


# Transforming the Process Industries through Modular Chemical Process Intensification

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# Energy & the Chemical Process Industries

- Manufacturing sector accounts for a quarter of the total US energy use
- Process industries are the largest consumers in the sector
- AMO recognized potential for MCPI
- Process industries lacked the MCPI tools, knowledge, experience, leadership, and convening body needed to transform the industry



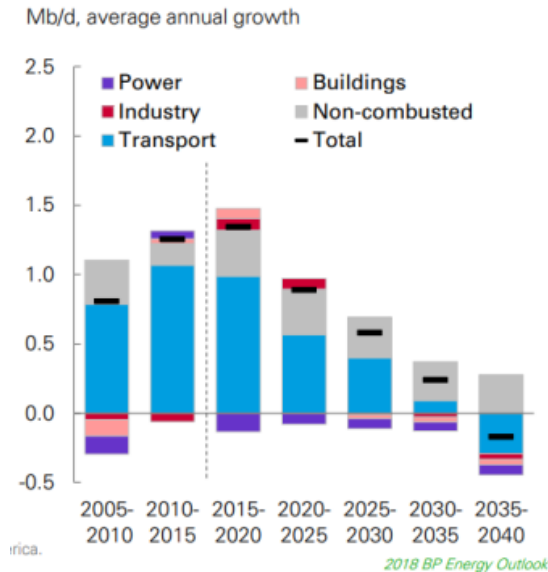
–DOE AMO Energy Bandwidth Studies

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/amo/energy-analysis-data-and-reports>

# External Forces Creating Pressure for Change

## Shifts in Supply/Demand

Liquids demand growth



## Increase Pressure on Operational Footprint

Singapore carbon tax would hit refiners, help renewables



## Advances in Adjacent Technologies



## Rise of Inexpensive Renewable Power



# RAPID – Who are we?

## Manufacturing USA Institute

- \$150 million, 5 year public-private partnership between DOE and AIChE

## RAPID Members



- 87 member institutions  
47 Companies, 30 Universities,  
10 National Labs & Non-profits

## RAPID Impact

- *Build Community*
- *Drive Thought Leadership*
- *Educate students and professionals*
- *Fund and manage R&D projects*

### Premier



### Choice



### Industrial Enabling



### Academic Enabling



### Non-Profit & National Lab Enabling



### Affiliate



# Modular Chemical Process Intensification (MCPI)

## Modular Processing

- Rethinking systems to enable flexible, **distributed manufacturing**
- Shift from **bigger is better** paradigm to **small, modular** paradigm
- Transition from volume scaling to **numbering up**

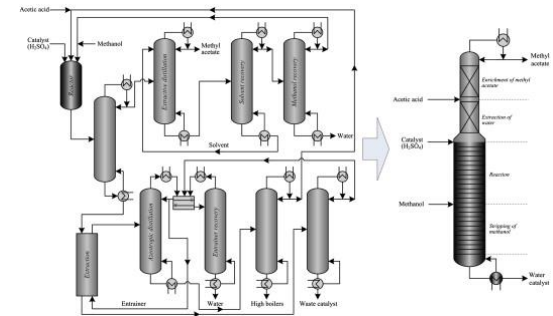


## MCPI

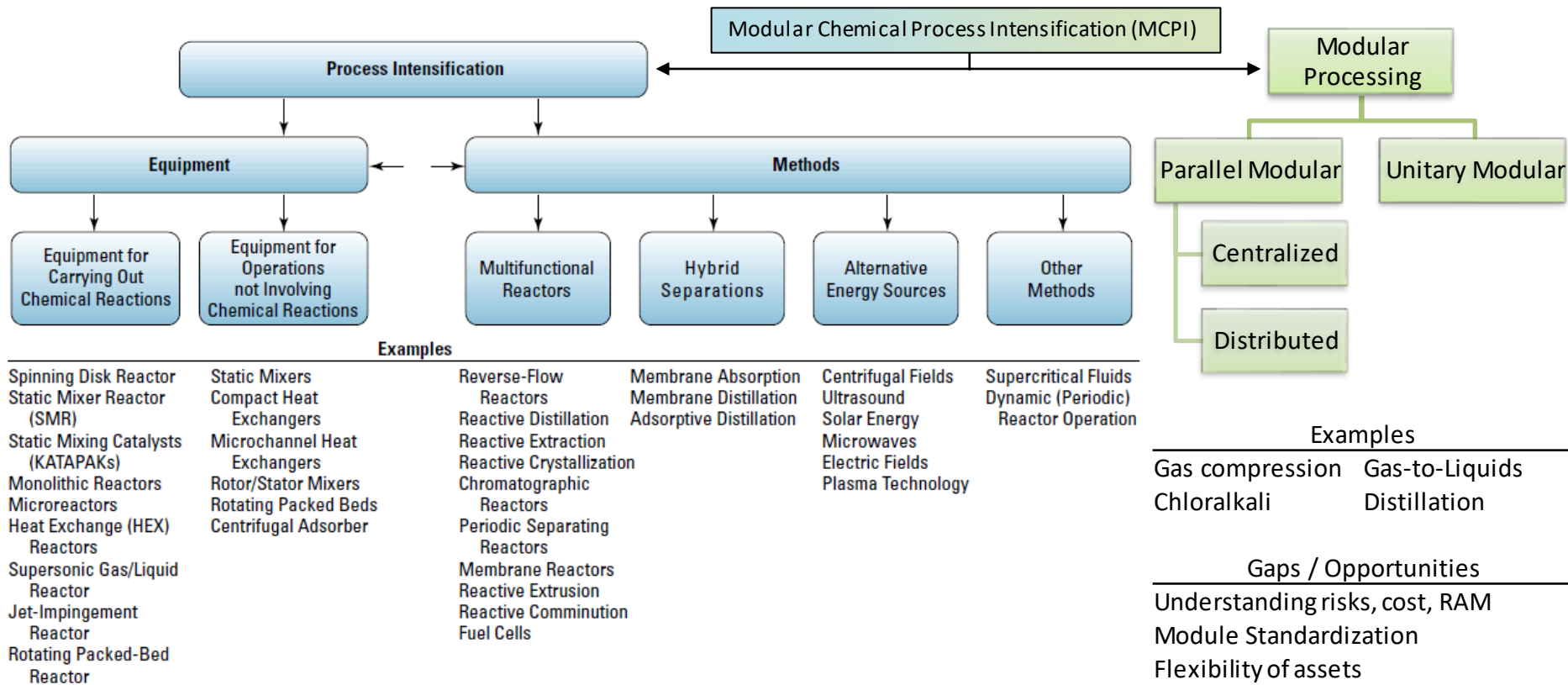


## Process Intensification

- Rethinking processes to dramatically **improve performance**
- Shift from **unit operations** paradigm to **integrative** paradigm
- Transition from **batch to continuous**



# MCPI Taxonomy



## Opportunities

- Modular platforms to streamline deployment and reduce costs
- More efficient reactor and separations technology

## ***But, technology development is needed***

Critical Gaps	Potential PI/Modular Solutions
Efficient Batch to Continuous Conversion	Modular systems for scalable continuous production
Reaction Chemistry	Novel reactor designs, alternative energetics (induction, plasma, microwave, sono/electrochemistry)
Separations/Heat Transfer	Acoustic/ultrasound, enhanced membranes
Process design tools	Process synthesis and multi-scale modeling for PI equipment

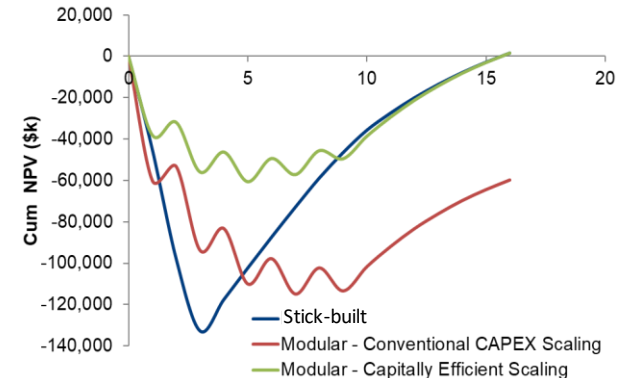
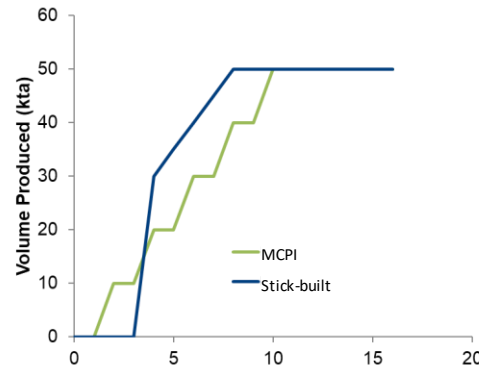


# Modeling the Total Cost of Ownership for Scaling-Up via MCPI

Develop real world case studies and supporting models to understand true costs to scale in number versus traditional volume scaling.



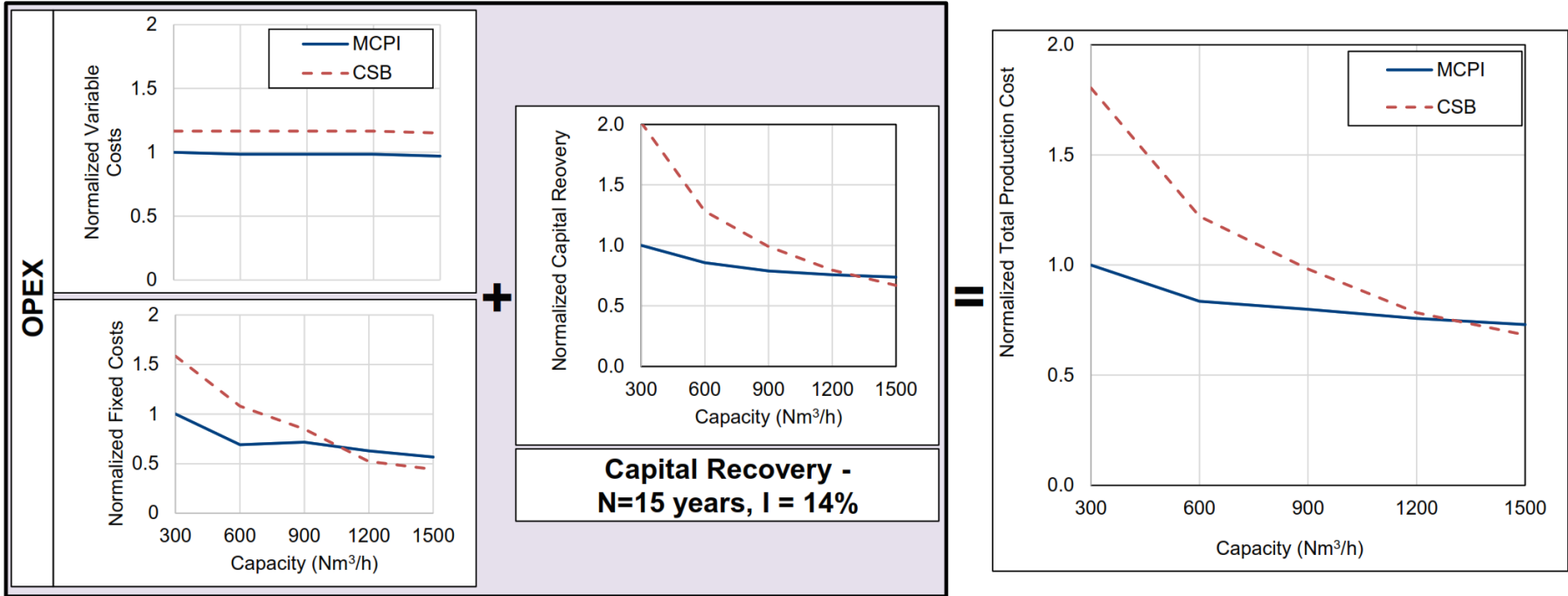
- Provide case studies to provide insight into **decision rationale** for using MCPI within specialty chemical and distributed chemical markets
- Compare total cost of ownership (TCO) and net present value (NPV) for MCPI and conventional “stick-built”
- Determine CAPEX and OPEX **correction factors** for modularization, PI and numbering up





## Case Study #3 - Distributed Commodity Production

### Total Production Cost Comparison for MCPI and CSB



- Total production cost for MCPI is relatively lower up to 3 trains
- Findings align with the case study partner's deployment strategy of numbering-up to 3 trains, thereafter moving to a mid-sized or a large-sized CSB plant

# Modular Platform for Continuous Manufacturing of Specialty Chemical

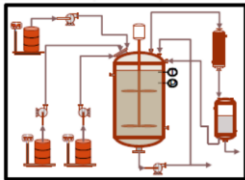
Modular process developed and commercialized in under 20 months with 90% lower CAPEX, >30% lower OPEX, and improved product quality.



**Lubrizol**

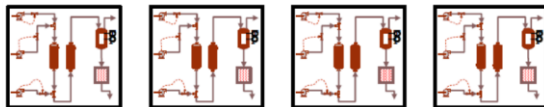


20,000 MT/yr Batch System



- Lower capital risk
- Earn into scale by numbering up
- Drive quality by reducing variability

Four Modular 5,000 MT/yr Continuous Systems = 20,000 MT/yr

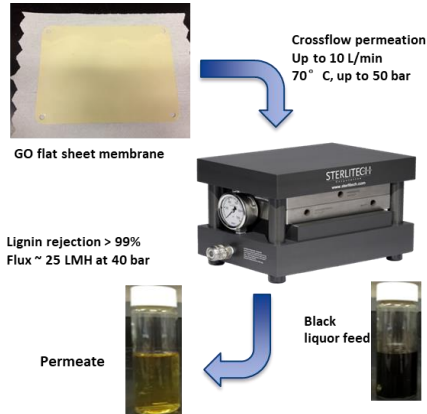


Technology	Conversion of succinimide dispersants production process from <b>batch to continuous</b> in compact, modular processing units
Base Case	Current manufacturing site within Lubrizol utilizing current state-of-the-art batch technology
Model Deployment Cost Reduction	<p><b>~80% lower capacity cost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process efficiencies</li> <li>• Modular standardized size</li> <li>• Much smaller equipment</li> <li>• Equipment utilization efficiency</li> <li>• Proven through pilot unit experience</li> </ul>

# Novel Separations

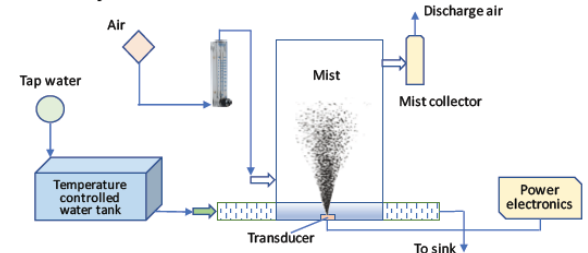
## Novel Membranes for Low Energy Separations of Complex Aqueous Systems

Graphene oxide membrane for separations of high ionic strength multiphase liquids, with kraft black liquor as primary test case.



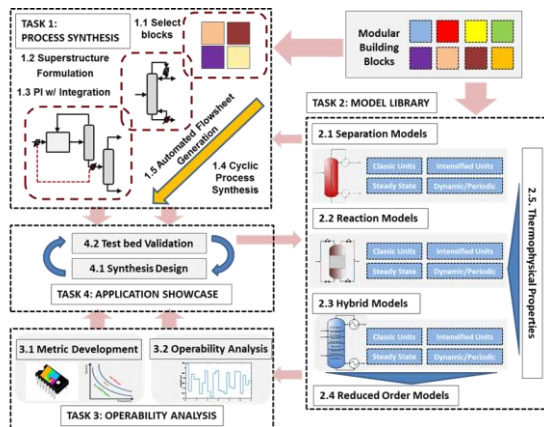
## Power Ultrasound for Nonthermal, Non-equilibrium Separation of Ethanol/Water

Low energy ethanol separation from aqueous solution using power ultrasound avoiding azeotrope limitations.



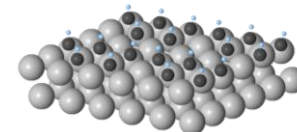
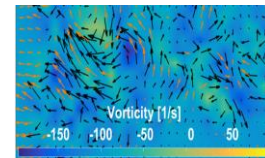
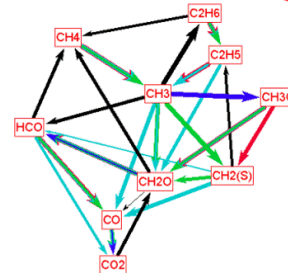
## SYNOPSISYS– Synthesis of Operable Process Intensification Systems

Process synthesis modeling toolbox for analyzing and predicting the optimal production system for existing and new processes.



## RAPID Reaction Software Ecosystem

Multiscale chemical reaction network modeling tools including physical property and reaction thermochemistry estimation to reaction network prediction and analysis.



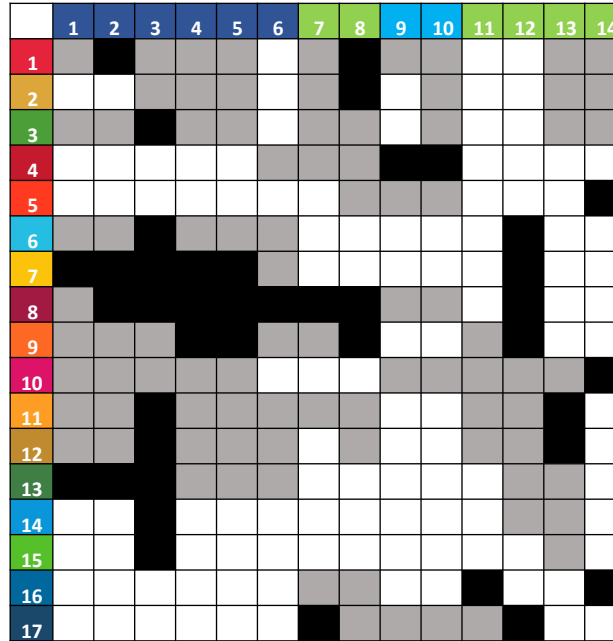
# MCPI for Reprocessing – Some Ideas

- *Process Intensification (PI)*
  - Technologies used in reprocessing use PI ideas *already* (e.g. solvent extraction)
  - Batch-to-continuous process for pyro-processing (electrochemical)
  - Combination of operations/phenomena in one unit (e.g. reactive separation)
- *Modularization*
  - Distributed reprocessing close to the source (reactor)
    - Minimize transportation (cost, safety, etc.)
    - Reduce regulatory burden
  - Number-up vs. scale-up
    - Module standardization and replication
- *Combination of PI and Modularization*
  - MCPI combines the benefits of PI and modularization
  - Combined benefits are larger than additional improvements – *synergistic effects*

**Questions?**

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# Addressing Sustainability



## RAPID Metrics



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**